

COUNTRY DATA: YEMEN

: Information from the CIA World Factbook

INTRODUCTION

North Yemen became independent of the Ottoman Empire in 1918. The British, who had set up a protectorate area around the southern port of Aden in the 19th century, withdrew in 1967 from what became South Yemen. Three years later, the southern government adopted a Marxist orientation. The massive exodus of hundreds of thousands of Yemenis from the south to the north contributed to two decades of hostility between the states. The two countries were formally unified as the Republic of Yemen in 1990. A southern secessionist movement in 1994 was quickly subdued. In 2000, Saudi Arabia and Yemen agreed to a delimitation of their border

GEOGRAPHY

Location	Middle East, bordering the Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, and Red Sea, between Oman and Saudi Arabia
Area	total: 527,968 sq km Land: 527,968 sq km Water: 0 sq km Country comparison to the world: 49
Climate	mostly desert; hot and humid along west coast; temperate in western mountains affected by seasonal monsoon; extraordinarily hot, harsh desert in east
Natural Resources	petroleum, fish, rock salt, marble; small deposits of coal, gold, lead, nickel, and copper; fertile soil in west
Total Renewable Water Resources	4.1 cu km (1997)
Freshwater Withdrawal	total: 6.63 cu km/yr Per capita: 316 cu m/yr (2000)
Natural Hazards	sandstorms and dust storms in summer; limited volcanic activity
Environmental Issues	limited natural fresh water resources; inadequate supplies of potable water; overgrazing; soil erosion; desertification

PEOPLE

Population	23,495,361 (July 2010 est.)
Ethnic Groups	predominantly Arab; but also Afro-Arab, South Asians, Europeans

Religions	Muslim including Shafi' (Sunni) and Zaydi (Shia), small numbers of Jewish, Christian and Hindu
Languages	Arabic (official)
Literacy Rate	total population: 50.2% Male: 70.5% Female: 30% (2003 est.)
Major Infectious Diseases	
GOVERNMENT	
Type	Republic
Independence	22 May 1990 (Republic of Yemen was established with the merger of the Yemen Arab Republic [Yemen (Sanaa) or North Yemen] and the Marxist-dominated People's Democratic Republic of Yemen [Yemen (Aden) or South Yemen])
Constitution	16 May 1991; amended 29 September 1994 and February 2001
Legal System	based on Islamic law, Turkish law, English common law, and local tribal customary law; has not accepted compulsory ICJ jurisdiction
ECONOMY	
Agricultural Products	grain, fruits, vegetables, pulses, qat, coffee, cotton; dairy products, livestock (sheep, goats, cattle, camels), poultry; fish
Industries	crude oil production and petroleum refining; small-scale production of cotton textiles and leather goods; food processing; handicrafts; small aluminum products factory; cement; commercial ship repair; natural gas production
Import commodities	food and live animals, machinery and equipment, chemicals
Import Partners	China 13.98%, UAE 12.3%, India 8.63%, Saudi Arabia 5.8%, US 4.52%, Brazil 4.51%, Turkey 4.51%, Kuwait 4.33%, France 4.24% (2009)
Export Commodities	crude oil, coffee, dried and salted fish, liquefied natural gas
Export Partners	China 36%, Thailand 17.63%, India 13.54%, South Arica 6.16%, Japan 5.49%, UAE 4.99% (2009)
Per Capita GDP	\$2,600 (2010 est.) \$2,600 (2009 est.) \$2,600 (2008 est.)
Population below	45.2% (2003)

poverty line	
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General	
Life Expectancy at Birth (in years)	63.9 years
Average number of years in School (in years)	2.5 years
Gross National Income Per Capita (In US Dollars)	\$2,387
Gender Inequality	
Female Seats in Parliament (%)	0.7%
Population with at least a Secondary Education Female (% Of 25 and older)	7.6%
Population with at least a Secondary Education Male (% Of 25 and older)	24.4%
Labor Force Participation Female (%)	20.1%
Labor Force Participation Male (%)	74.3%
Births Attended by Skilled Health Professionals (%)	36%
Poverty	
Population surviving on \$1.25 per day (%)	17.5%
Empowerment	
Number of Journalists Imprisoned	2
Corruption Victims (% of people who face a bribe situation in the last year)	41%
Political Engagement (% percent of people who voiced opinion to public officials)	9%

Sustainability	
Fossil Fuels as Primary Energy Source (%)	99%
Renewable Resources as Primary Energy Source (%)	1%
Population without Access to Water (%)	38%
Population Without Access to Sanitation Services (%)	48%
Population affected by natural disasters (% between 2000-2009)	<0.1%
Human Security	
Number of Refugees leaving this country	1,800
Number of Internally Displaced People in This Country	250
Prevalence of Undernourishment (%)	32%
Demographics	
Urban Residents (% of total Population)	31.8%
Health	
HIV Prevalence in Female Youth (% ages 15-24)	--
HIV Prevalence in Male Youth (% ages 15-24)	--
HIV Prevalence in Adults (% ages 15-49)	--
Other	
Official Development Assistance Per Capita (in US dollars)	\$13.30
Population without Electricity (%)	62%

